

Dear Parents & Guardians! Happy New Year!

On behalf of our staff I want to take a moment to wish you and your family much success in 2018! I also want to thank each of you for your support of the positive work being done in our school. A school is a partnership and without your support and involvement we would not be able to work together to better support each one of our students.

As you know 2017 was a year of change for us at the Brooklin School, as well as for all of Union 76. New staff, new leadership, and new ideas were and are being combined with past success to dig into our present and future needs. We are developing better data-driven solutions and possibilities for our students in order to improve the education and learning we offer at our school both now and in the years to come. Change is never easy in any organization, but over time when done in a planned, professional manner, involving all stakeholders, improvement will happen for all involved.

Based on the efforts I have seen and participated in during 2017, I know that 2018 will be a year of continued student, staff and school growth! By continuing to work closely together, building upon increased communication and higher expectations, we will continue to improve. We will continue look at what school, home and community needs to change and improve upon in order to direct our students and schools' future success.

The 2018-2019 Budget Draft (please see attachments), will continue our efforts at focusing on present and future school priorities by supporting the current instructional and curriculum work that our staff has begun. Through this budget along with the Strategic Planning work our community is now engaged in, we will make needed improvements to our school and programming. The next review for the 2018-2019 School Budget draft will be tis coming Wednesday night, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Brooklin School Library.

Each time I send an email out, the phrase **When the world says, “Give up,” Hope whispers, “Try it one more time.”** appears below my name. I believe that HOPE and sharing POSITIVITY are the greatest motivators in supporting learning and learners. HOPE and POSITIVITY help our students work through difficulty, strive to make improvement, and in the end, not give up. Through our continued positive efforts and working together, 2018 will see your sons and daughters building stronger skills as well as a stronger belief in their own abilities. I have much hope that our school will continue to improve what we do for our students in the year to come!

On behalf of Principal Blake and the entire staff of the Brooklin School please know we look forward to continuing to work closely with you in 2018.

My best,

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